

STATE YOUTH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
1/13/05
Colorado Community College System – Lowry Campus

Attendees: Julie Berge, Dani Crane, Dan Sisneros, Glenn Little, Amy Arquilla, Samantha O'Neill, Caren Swales, Marc Dettenreider, Ann Baker, Mark Davidson (Office of Innovation and Technology), Melody Bolton, Aron Diaz, Ruthie Pegues (DPS) & 4 DECA reps from West HS, Ryan Fisher (WF Boulder County)

I. West High School DECA Presentation

4 Youth from West High School DECA attended and presented about their DECA chapter. DECA is a national association of students focusing on marketing, management, & entrepreneurial activities. It is an elective class. There are 170,000 members, worldwide. They participate in local, state, national, and international competitions.

If you are interested in getting involved with DECA, contact Ruthie Pegues (303) 620-5402. They are looking for volunteers, as well as advisory board members. They meet 1st Wednesday each month from 7-8 am.

II. Minutes Approval

Motion by Melody to approve, seconded by Samantha. Motion carried.

III. CO Next Magazine

A sample of CO Next Magazine was brought to the meeting. 5000 copies will be sent to workforce centers statewide. Letters from the SYC were prepared and sent to workforce directors, asking them to coordinate the distribution of their shipment with their respective youth coordinators. The magazine was to be distributed in late January.

IV. PGL Meeting Summary & Draft – Mark Davidson

Updates for the first draft:

- 1st few sections are identical to the prior version.
- Page 3 includes the SYC mission.
- IV, B bullet 2 is a change from the past – focus on E3 methodology/getting industry and community at the table.
- Page 4 bullet 1, raise the bar to cover 3 out of 4.
- Page 5 more focus on e3, bullet 2 asks for more partnerships with chambers, govt, education, etc;
- #2 focus on associations to get industry to the table/this will help get industry involved in improving hs grad rates and general involvement.
- Page 6 #6, changed page allowance;
- Page 6 e – bigger review committee, more rigorous process.

- Last year – focus was on emerging industries (regionally); this pgl is more broad in bringing in the e3 concept; bring USDOL vision to local level; being more clear in expectations will help regions.

The SYC had the following recommendations after reviewing the draft:

- add a commitment to provide technical assistance in the pgl; video conference or teleconference for outlying areas; allow regions to bring drafts to pre-review/q&a.
- develop subcommittee responsible for q&a and follow up
- #6, page 6 – add 3 mandatory letters from business, local chamber/non-profit/econ dev, and education (14-18 go thru k-12; 19-21 post secondary, etc) based on Emily DeRocco ETA memo; set some criteria for the letters of recommendation that tie the grant to the expected partners rather than setting strict #'s, requirements, organizations. Make that part of what is presented during ta sessions between April/June.
- Develop frequently asked questions section?
- Address pgl at director's monthly meeting (perhaps Feb?) to start giving heads up around pgl
- Grant review committee should have pre-review training to make sure they are reviewing the grants properly

Ann – Motion to provide technical assistance to the SYC on the PGL, and the grant review subcommittee will be selected after the t/a is completed. Motion seconded by Julie, motion carried.

Dani – need to clarify WIA eligible or WIA enrolled; Amy will get clarification from CDLE.

Staff - Put additions into draft, approve for 2/10 SYC, then to SWIS 2/17 for approval.

*A Subsequent meeting will be convened between OWD and CDLE. Details to follow.

V. Membership

Youth Project – Met 1/6, summarized details of the meeting today. There are concerns with liability, monitoring, etc. Sue will talk with Booker when he returns; possibly adopt a DECA chapter or other student organizations

Local Conference Planning – focus was on e3 concept; notes from the meeting to be attached with these minutes.

New Applications:

1. Lori Mitchell – youth/student slot; works with Julie on Summer Job Hunt; Motion to approve Lori to the SYC as a youth by Ann, second by Debi, motion carried. Approval letter required for Lori from staff of OWD.
2. Maureen Wirth – CDE k-12; questions about app, want to see resume; Julie B will f/u with Sue.

Danny Sisneros has a potential parent.

VI. Finance

Current stats: PY04 = \$75,182

PY03 = \$4105.00

FY03 = \$944.00

VII. Governor's Summer Job Hunt – focus this year is on employer outreach; could be a pilot year where goals are not assigned related to placements, but to outreach.

Wed, Feb 3 employer roundtable through metro workforce centers to talk about the Summer Job Hunt, child labor laws, youth in the workplace, etc. at 9News. Targeting 50-75 employers; Julie passed out pocket resume.

Upcoming job fairs: Feb 22 1st job fair in Broomfield; March 1,2,3 Trico, Adams, Denver; March 16 A/D Works, Limon March 2;

Please volunteer for job fairs!

VIII. Youth Transition Grant – History of the past 6 months: July - statewide meeting with advisory group, local grantees, state team, youth, parents, etc; went through resource mapping/focus groups/literature review findings; state team studied data through fall, came up with 25 broad strategic priorities; met with locals again 12/9 and began prioritizing through compression planning; state team took 5 priorities and compression planned the items within each priority further to develop state plan; 3 local prototype site plans due 1/31; state plan to the SWIS Committee for approval later in February.

IX. SYC Meeting Schedule – February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9.

X. Other

Local liaisons – link new members to regions; letters were sent, people should be hearing from the local councils

Nicole – may be taking Job Corps position in KY or SD

Adams, Trico, A/D, Denver – through youth offender demo grant, developed work keys and key train systems into the workforce centers; will be providing training, credentialing, competencies, etc.; target basic skills remediation so that youth can qualify for specific jobs, and gain school credit; also working with businesses for buy in; putting computer labs in to give this training;

Phoenix Forum – Samantha O'Neill-Dunbar

Colorado Contingency attended conference in Phoenix in December. Representatives from: Division of Child Welfare, Adult Education, Workforce Development Council, Department of Labor and Employment, Local Workforce Centers (AD Works/Denver), Youth Corrections, Criminal Justice, Community Colleges were represented.

Most of the time was spent working as a state team with a federal facilitator, working on activities to come up with outcomes related to alternative education, demand driven systems, neediest youth, migrant youth, parenting youth, and improving system performance.

Goal was to get new youth vision, draft outline to develop shared youth vision in state, and build partnerships in state.

Identified systems, what each partner's individual vision was, how they could be interested in doing this long term.

Chose homeless & runaway youth as target and each partner listed the services that they have that would serve this population; identified gaps, overlap, areas of collaboration.

Day 2 – looked at how CO could organize infrastructure in 3 areas (leadership, planning, implementation) and discussed what's there and what's needed.

Study system of care model, try to find opportunities to take that to scale.

Identify more partners & plan strategy session; meet with leaders in each agency to discuss.

Ted Trujillo and Booker are leading initially; for 1/26 meeting each partner is assigned to bring missing partners to the next meeting.

CO key challenge is to get k-12 to the table.